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In re application of

Yasushi SHIOYA et al.

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TREATING AGENT FOR METAL HYDRIDE-CONTAINING EXHAUST GAS AND METHOD OF TREATING METAL HYDRIDE-CONTAINING EXHAUST GAS

## **AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

August 18, 2006

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed May 18, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.